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OF THE

COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY,

WITH AMENDMENTS,

AND

THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY

RELATIVE

TO THE COLLEGE.

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CHARTER.

GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, &c., to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting—

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry of our loving subjects, well-disposed and public-spirited persons, have lately, by their humble petition, presented to our trusty and well-beloved Jonathan Belcher, Esquire, governor and commander in chief of our province of New Jersey in America, represented the great necessity of coming into some method for encouraging and promoting a learned education of our youth in New Jersey, and have expressed their earnest desire that a college may be erected in our said province of New Jersey in America, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said province and others, wherein youth may be instructed in the learned languages, and in the liberal arts and sciences. AND WHEREAS by the fundamental concessions made at the first settlement of New Jersey by the Lord Berkley and Sir George Carteret, then proprietors thereof, and granted under their hands and the seal of the said province, bearing date the tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and sixty-four, it was, among other things, conceded and agreed, that no freeman, within the said province of New Jersey should at any time be molested, punished, disquieted or called in question, for any difference in opinion or practice in matters of religious concernment, who do not actually disturb the civil peace of the said ovince; but that all and every such person or persons might, om time to time, and at all times thereafter, freely and fully ave and enjoy his and their judgments and consciences, in

matters of religion, throughout the said province, they behaving themselves peaceably and quietly and not using this liberty to licentiousness, nor to the civil injury or outward disturbance of others, as by the said concessions on record in the secretary's office of New Jersey, at Perth Amboy, in lib. 3, folio 66, &c., may appear. WHEREFORE and for that the said petitioners have also expressed their earnest desire that those of every religious denomination may have free and equal liberty and advantages of education in the said college, any different sentiments in religion notwithstanding, WE being willing to grant the reasonable requests and prayers of all our loving subjects, and to promote a liberal and learned education among them—

KNOW YE THEREFORE, that we, considering the premises, and being willing for the future that the best means of education be established in our said province of New Jersey, for the benefit and advantage of the inhabitants of our said province and others, do, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, by these presents, will, ordain, grant and constitute, that there be a college erected in our said province of New Jersey, for the education of youth in the learned languages and in the liberal arts and sciences;* and that the trustees of the said college and their successors for ever, may and shall be one body corporate and politic, in deed, action and name, and shall be called, and named and distinguished, by the name of THE TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY—and further, we have willed, given, granted, constituted and appointed, and by this our present charter, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, we do, for us, our heirs and successors, will, give, grant, constitute, and ordain, that there shall, in the said college from henceforth for ever, be a body politic, consisting of trustees of the said College of New Jersey. And for the more full and perfect erection of the said corporation and body politic, consisting of trustees of the College of New Jersey, we, of our special grace, certain

College founded.

Trustees a corporation

Corporate name.

Charter perpetual.

* Extended by the Act of March 11th, 1864.

knowledge and mere motion, do, by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors create, make, ordain, constitute, nominate and appoint, the governor and commander in chief of our said province of New Jersey, for the time being, and also our trusty and well-beloved John Reading, James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard, John Kinsey, Edward Shippen and William Smith, Esquires, Peter Van-Brugh Livingston, William Peartree Smith and Samuel Hazard, gentlemen, John Pierson, Ebenezer Pemberton, Joseph Lamb, Gilbert Tennent, William Tennent, Richard Treat, Samuel Blair, David Cowell, Aaron Burr, Timothy Johnes, Thomas Arthur and Jacob Green, ministers of the gospel, to be trustees of the said College of New Jersey. Names of corporators.

* That the said trustees do, at their first meeting, after the * receipt of these presents, and before they proceed to any * business, take the oath appointed to be taken by an act, * passed in the first year of the reign of the late king George * the First, entitled, "An act for the further security of his * Majesty's person and government, and the succession of the * crown in the heirs of the late princess Sophia, being protest- * ants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended prince * of Wales, and his open and secret abettors;" as also that they * make and subscribe the declarations mentioned in an act of * parliament, made in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of * king Charles the Second, entitled "An act for preventing * dangers which may happen from popish recusants;" and * likewise take an oath for faithfully executing the office or * trust reposed in them, the said oaths to be administered to * them by three of his Majesty's justices of the peace, *quorum* * *unus;* and when any new member or officer of this corpo- * ration is chosen, they are to take and subscribe the aforemen- * tioned oaths and declarations before their admission into * their trusts or offices, the same to be administered to them in * the presence of the trustees, by such person as they shall * appoint for that service. Oaths to be taken by trustees. By whom oaths to be administered.

That no meeting of the trustees shall be valid or legal for Notice of meeting of trustees.

* The entire clause relative to oaths repealed and supplied by act of March 13th, 1780.

doing any business whatsoever, unless the clerk has duly and legally notified each and every member of the corporation of such meeting; and that before the entering on any business, the clerk shall certify such notification under his hand, to the board of trustees.

To fill vacancies.

That the said trustees have full power and authority or any *thirteen or greater number of them, to elect, nominate and appoint, and associate unto them, any number of persons as trustees upon any vacancy, so that the whole number of trustees exceed not †twenty-three, whereof the president of said college for the time being, to be chosen as hereafter mentioned, to be one, and twelve of the said trustees to be always such persons as are inhabitants of our said province of New Jersey. And we do further, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for us, our heirs and successors, will, give, grant and appoint, that the said trustees and their successors shall, for ever hereafter, be in deed, fact and name, a body corporate and politic; and that they, the said body corporate and politic, shall be known and distinguished in all deeds, grants, bargains, sales, writings, evidences, muniments or otherwise howsoever, and in all courts for ever hereafter, plead and be impleaded, by the name of THE TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY.

Number of trustees.

Residence.

Perpetual succession.

Property.

And that they the said corporation, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and in law capable, for the use of the said college, to have, get, acquire, purchase, receive and possess lands, tenements, hereditaments, jurisdictions and franchises, for themselves and their successors, in fee simple or otherwise howsoever; and to purchase, receive or build, any house or houses, or any other buildings, as they shall think needful or convenient for the use of the said College of New Jersey, and in such place or places in New Jersey, as they, the said trustees shall agree upon, and also to receive and dispose of any goods, chattels, and other things of what nature soever, for

* Altered to *nine*, provided that the Governor of the State, or the President of the College, or the senior Trustee, be one of the nine; by the act of Nov. 2d, 1781, p. 18.

† Altered to *twenty-seven* by the act of April 6th, 1868.

the use aforesaid: and also to have, accept and receive any rents, profits, annuities, gifts, legacies, donations and bequests of any kind whatsoever, for the use aforesaid, so, nevertheless, that the yearly clear value of the premises do not exceed the sum of **two thousand pounds sterling:* And therewith or otherwise to support and pay, as the said trustees and their successors, or the major part of such of them as (according to the provision herein afterwards) are regularly convened for that purpose, shall agree and see cause, the president, tutors and other officers or ministers of the said college, their respective annual salaries or allowances, and all such other necessary and contingent charges as from time to time shall arise and accrue, relating to the said college; and also to grant, bargain, sell, let, set or assign, lands, tenements or hereditaments, goods or chattels, contract or do all other things whatsoever, by the name aforesaid, and for the use aforesaid, in as full and ample manner, to all intent and purposes, as any natural person or other body politic or corporate is able to do, by the laws of our realm of Great Britain, or of our said province of New Jersey.

Limitation of value of estate.

Salaries.

Contracts.

And of our further grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, to the intent that our said corporation and body politic may answer the end of their erection and constitution, and may have perpetual succession and continue for ever, WE do for us, our heirs and successors, hereby will, give and grant, unto the said trustees of the College of New Jersey, and to their successors forever, that when any *thirteen* of the said trustees or of their successors are convened and met together as aforesaid, for the service of the said college, the governor and commander in chief of our said province of New Jersey, and in his absence, the president of the said college, and in the absence of the said governor and president, the eldest trustee present at such meeting, from time to time, shall be president of the said trustees in all their meetings: and at any time or times such *thirteen* trustees convened and met as aforesaid,

Who to preside.

Quorum.

* Altered to *one hundred thousand dollars*, by the act of March 11th, 1864.

shall be capable to act as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if all the trustees of the said college were personally present; provided always, that a majority of the said *thirteen* trustees be of the said province of New Jersey, except after regular notice they fail of coming, in which case those that are present are hereby empowered to act, the different place of their abode notwithstanding; and all affairs, and actions whatsoever, under the care of the said trustees, shall be determined by the majority or greater number of those *thirteen*, so convened and met together, the president whereof shall have no more than a single vote.

Majority of quorum to decide.

Meetings, how called.

And we do for us, our heirs and successors, hereby will, give and grant, full power and authority, to any six or more of the said trustees, to call meetings of the said trustees, from time to time, and to order notice to the said trustees of the times and places of meeting for the service aforesaid.

Election of President.

And also we do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, will, give and grant, to the said trustees of the College of New Jersey, and to their successors for ever, that the said trustees do elect, nominate and appoint such a qualified person as they, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them convened for that purpose as above directed, shall think fit, to be the president of the said college, and to have the immediate care of the education and government of such students as shall be sent to, and admitted into the said college for instruction and education; and also that the said trustees do elect, nominate and appoint so many tutors and professors, to assist the president of the said college, in the education and government of the students belonging to it, as they, the said trustees, or their successors, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them, which shall convene for that purpose as above directed, shall, from time to time, and at any time hereafter, think needful and serviceable to the interests of the said college; and also, that the said trustees and their successors, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them, which shall convene for that purpose, as above directed, shall at any time displace and discharge from the service of the said college such president, tutors and professors, and to elect others in

Tutors and Professors.

Power of removal.

their room and stead; and also, that the said trustees or their successors, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them, which shall convene for that purpose, as above directed, do from time to time, as occasion shall require, elect, constitute and appoint a treasurer, a clerk, an usher, and a steward, for the said college, and appoint to them, and each of them, their respective business and trusts, and displace and discharge from the service of the said college such treasurer, clerk, usher or steward, and to elect others in their room and stead; which president, tutors, professors, treasurer, clerk, usher and steward, so elected and appointed, we do for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents, constitute and establish in their several offices, and do give them, and every of them, full power and authority to exercise the same in the said College of New Jersey, according to the direction, and during the pleasure of the said trustees, as fully and freely as any other, the like officers in our universities or any of our colleges, in our realm of Great Britain, lawfully may and ought to do.

Other officers.

Powers of officers.

And also that the said trustees, and their successors, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them, which shall convene for that purpose as above directed, as often as one or more of the said trustees shall happen to die, or by removal or otherwise shall become unfit or incapable, according to their judgment, to serve the interest of the said college, do, as soon as conveniently may be, after the death, removal or such unfitness or incapacity of such trustee or trustees to serve the interest of the said college, elect and appoint such other trustee or trustees as shall supply the place of him or them so dying, or otherwise becoming unfit or incapable to serve the interest of the said college; and every trustee so elected and appointed shall, by virtue of these presents, and of such election, and appointment, be vested with all the power and privileges which any of the other trustees of the said college are hereby invested with.

Election of trustees.

And we do further, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, will, give and grant, and by these presents do, for us, our heirs and successors, will, give and grant, unto the said trustees of the College of New Jersey, that they and

Laws for the government of the college.

their successors, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them, which shall convene for that purpose as above directed, may make, and they are hereby fully empowered from time to time, freely and lawfully to make and establish such ordinances, orders and laws, as may tend to the good and wholesome government of the said college, and all the students and the several officers and ministers thereof, and to the public benefit of the same, not repugnant to the laws and statutes of our realm of Great Britain, or of this our province of New Jersey, and not excluding any person of any religious denomination whatsoever from free and equal liberty and advantage of education, or from any of the liberties, privileges, or immunities of the said college, on account of his or their being of a religious profession different from the said trustees of the said college; and such ordinances, orders and laws, which shall be so as aforesaid made, we do, by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, ratify, allow of and confirm, as good and effectual, to oblige and bind all the said students and the several officers and ministers of the said college; and we do hereby authorize and empower the said trustees of the college, and the president, tutors and professors by them elected and appointed, to put such ordinances and laws in execution, to all proper intents and purposes.

Degrees.

And we do further, of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, will, give and grant, unto the said trustees of the College of New Jersey, that, for the encouragement of learning and animating the students of the said college to diligence, industry, and a laudable progress in literature, that they and their successors, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them, convened for that purpose as above directed, do, by the president of the said college for the time being, or by any other deputed by them, give and grant any such degree and degrees to any of the students of the said college, or to any others by them thought worthy thereof, as are usually granted in either of our universities or any other college in our realm of Great Britain*;

* Extended by the Act of March 29th, 1866.

and that they do sign and seal diplomas or certificates of such graduations, to be kept by the graduates as perpetual memorials or testimonials thereof. Diplomas.

And further, of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, we do, by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said trustees of the College of New Jersey and to their successors, that they and their successors shall have a common seal, under which they may pass all diplomas, certificates of degrees, and all other the affairs and business of and concerning the said corporation, or of and concerning the said College of New Jersey, which shall be engraven in such form and with such inscription as shall be devised by the said trustees of the said college, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them, convened for the service of the said college as above directed. Seal.

And we do further, for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said trustees of the College of New Jersey and their successors, or the major part of any *thirteen* of them, convened for the service of the college as above directed, full power and authority from time to time, to nominate and appoint all other inferior officers and ministers, which they shall think to be convenient and necessary for the use of the college, not herein particularly named or mentioned, and which are accustomary in our universities, or in any of our colleges in our realm of Great Britain, which officers or ministers we do hereby empower to execute their offices or trusts as fully and freely as any other the like officers or ministers, in and of our universities or any other college in our realm of Great Britain, lawfully may or ought to do. Inferior officers.

And lastly, our express will and pleasure is, and we do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said trustees of the College of New Jersey and to their successors for ever, that these our letters patent, or the enrolment thereof, shall be good and effectual in the law, to all intents and purposes, against us, our heirs and successors, without any other license, grant or confirmation from us, our heirs and successors, hereafter by the said trustees to be had or

obtained; notwithstanding the not reciting or misrecital, or not naming or misnaming of the aforesaid offices, franchises, privileges, immunities, or other the premises, or any of them: and notwithstanding a writ of *ad quod damnum* hath not issued forth to inquire of the premises or any of them, before the ensealing hereof; any statute, act, ordinance or provision, or any other matter or thing to the contrary notwithstanding; to have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the privileges, advantages, liberties, immunities and all other the premises herein and hereby granted and given, or which are meant, mentioned, or intended to be herein and hereby given and granted, unto them the said trustees of the said College of New Jersey, and to their successors for ever.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the great seal of our said province of New Jersey to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well-beloved *Jonathan Belcher*, Esquire, governor and commander in chief of our said province of New Jersey, this fourteenth day of September, in the twenty-second year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight.

L.S.

I have perused and considered the written charter of incorporation, and find nothing contained therein inconsistent with his Majesty's interest or the honor of the Crown.

J. WARRELL, *Att. Gen'l.*

September the 13th, 1748.—This charter, having been read in Council, was consented to and approved of.

CHA. READ, *Cl. Con.*

Let the Great Seal of the Province of New Jersey be affixed to this charter.

J. BELCHER.

To the Secretary of the Province of New Jersey.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

*An act for amending and establishing the charter of the College of New Jersey.

Preamble. * Whereas the trustees of the College of New Jersey, by * their humble petition presented to the legislature, have set * forth, that his majesty George the Second, king of Great * Britain, by his royal charter of incorporation, under the great * seal of the then province of New Jersey, and bearing date * the fourteenth day of September, in the twenty-second year * of his reign, was pleased to incorporate sundry persons, to the * number of twenty-three, by the name and style of "The * Trustees of the College of New Jersey;" and did thereby * among other things, grant unto them power and authority to * erect, endow, and govern a college for the instruction of * youth in the learned languages, and liberal arts and sciences, * as by the said charter of incorporation, recorded in the sec- * retary's office at Perth Amboy, in book C, number 2, pages * 196 to 204, inclusive, reference being thereunto had, may * more fully and at large appear: And whereas the said * trustees, by their said petition, have prayed that the same * charter may be established and confirmed under the present * happy constitution, with certain alterations and amendments, * in their said petition mentioned and described: And whereas * all wise legislatures have deemed the education of youth to be * of the utmost importance to the prosperity of a state, and * have taken institutions for that purpose established under * their patronage and protection: And whereas the said col- * lege of New Jersey hath been found greatly useful in diffus- * ing as well the principles of political liberty, as of religion

* Repealed, and supplied by the act of May 27th, 1799.

* and literature, and many have thereby been fitted to fill dis-
* tinguished places, both in the civil and ecclesiastical depart-
* ments of this and of the other United States, with advantage
* to the community, and honor and reputation to themselves:
* therefore, for granting the prayer of the petition of the said
* trustees, so far forth as the same appears just and reasona-
ble—

Charter, with exceptions, confirmed.

* 1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly of*
* *this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,*
* That the said charter, with all and singular the advantages,
* privileges and immunities, and all other matters and things
* therein contained, such clauses and parts only excepted as
* are by this act repealed, altered, or amended, is hereby es-
* tablished and confirmed; and shall for ever hereafter be held
* and esteemed as good and effectual in law, to all intents,
* constructions, and purposes, as the same hath heretofore been
* held and esteemed, and as if the same were herein particularly
* recited; any misuser, nonuser, or any other default hereto-
* fore committed or suffered notwithstanding.

Trustees, their privileges, &c.

* 2. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the
* said trustees of the College of New Jersey, and their succes-
* sors, shall and may for ever hereafter have, hold, and enjoy,
* all and singular the advantages, privileges, and immunities,
* granted in the said charter, and hereby confirmed unto them
* and their successors, in as full, ample, and beneficial a man-
* ner, as if the same were given and granted to them by a law
* of this state, and as if every of the said advantages, privi-
* leges, and immunities, were in the said law particularly
* enumerated and specified; any law, usage, or custom, relat-
* ing to charters, notwithstanding.

Clause in charter, respecting oaths, repealed.

* 3. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the
* clause in the said charter directing and requiring the said
* trustees, and each of them, and every officer of the said cor-
* poration by them appointed, to take the oath of allegiance to
* the king of Great Britain and to make and subscribe the de-

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* Repealed, and supplied by act of May 27th, 1799.

* claration as established by act of parliament under the former
* government, be and it hereby is repealed, discontinued, an-
* nulled and made void; and in lieu thereof, such of the said Oaths to be taken by trustees.
* trustees or officers as are inhabitants of this state, and each
* of them, shall, at the next meeting of the said corporation
* after the passing of this act, or before they proceed further
* to execute their respective trusts and offices, take and
* subscribe the oaths or affirmations of allegiance and
* abjuration, as appointed and set forth in an act of the
* Council and General Assembly entitled, "An act for the se-
* curity of the government of New Jersey," made and passed
* the nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord
* one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, to be adminis-
* tered by any one justice of the peace of this state; and such
* of them as are inhabitants of any other of the United States
* shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation of abjuration
* in manner as aforesaid, and shall also produce a certificate
* from some one justice of the peace of the state to which they
* may respectively belong, setting forth that they have taken
* the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the said state; and
* when any new member or officer of the said corporation
* shall be chosen, he shall take and subscribe the before men-
* tioned oaths or affirmations, or take and subscribe the oath
* or affirmation of abjuration, and produce the certificate as
* aforesaid, before he is admitted to exercise his trust or office; By whom oaths to be administered.
* the said oaths or affirmations to be administered, in presence
* of the said trustees, by the president of the said corporation
* for the time being.

* 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That Limitation of estate.
* the said trustees, and their successors, shall and may hold and
* enjoy any estate whatsoever, the clear yearly value whereof
* shall not exceed the value of twenty thousand bushels of
* wheat; any article or clause in the said charter to the con-
* trary notwithstanding.

* Passed at Trenton, March 13, 1780.

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* Repealed, and supplied by act of May 27th, 1799.

* A supplemental act to an act entitled, "An act for amend-
* ing and establishing the charter of the College of New
* Jersey."

Preamble.

* WHEREAS the trustees of the College of New Jersey, by
* their petition to the legislature, have represented that, by
* their charter of incorporation, the number of thirteen trustees
* is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of all
* business relating to the said institution, to the great injury of
* their trust, by reason of the non-attendance of many of their
* members who live at a distance, and have prayed that the said
* quorum may be lessened; and have also set forth that, not-
* withstanding the laws heretofore made and provided, divers
* soldiers of the troops and militia of these United States are
* often billeted and quartered in the buildings and their ap-
* purtenances provided for the reception, convenience, and
* improvement of the students belonging to the said institu-
* tion, to the great injury and destruction thereof; and as it is
* thought reasonable, in order to promote the ends of so val-
* uable and important an institution, to grant the prayer of
* the petitioners—

Nine to form a quorum.

* 1. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED *by the Council and General*
* *Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority*
* *of the same*, That from and after the passing of this act, it
* shall and may be lawful for any nine of the said trustees, or
* a greater number of them, to convene and meet together;
* and being so convened and met together, to form a board of
* the corporation instituted by the said charter, and be in all
* things a sufficient quorum for the doing, performing, and
* transacting all and every the duties and business of their
* said trust, to all intents and purposes whatever, as effectually
* as if thirteen of the said trustees had so met and convened

* This act, made perpetual by the act of November 20th, 1786, is repealed, and the first section supplied by the act of May 27th, 1799.

* together for the purposes aforesaid, and shall, for and during
* the continuance of this act, be taken and considered as a full
* quorum of the said trustees, in as full and ample manner,
* and with the like powers, authorities, and interests as are
* given to and vested in thirteen of the said trustees, in and by
* their said charter of incorporation, and shall be under the
* same directions, conditions, restrictions, provisos and limit-
* ations, as to the benefit, conveniency and meetings of the
* said trustees, as are contained in the said charter with respect
* to the quorum of thirteen trustees aforesaid; *provided always*, Quorum, how constituted.
* that the governor of this state for the time being, or in case
* of his death or absence, the president of the said college for
* the time being, and in case of the death or absence of both
* the said governor and president, then the eldest trustee of
* the said college, shall always be one of the said nine trustees,
* so at any time constituting a quorum as aforesaid.

* 2. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That from Troops not to be quartered in the college.
* and after the passing hereof, if any magistrate, military offi-
* cer, quartermaster, or any other person whatever, shall
* billet, quarter, or place in, or cause to be billeted, quartered,
* or placed in the said college or the steward's house adjoining
* thereto, any officer, soldier, or other person belonging
* to or following the troops or militia of these United States, or
* either of them, without the consent of the said trustees, or of
* some person or persons duly authorized by them, every such Penalty.
* person so offending shall forfeit, to and for the use of the
* said trustees and their successors, the sum of twenty shillings
* for every such officer, soldier, or other person so billeted,
* quartered, or placed in the said buildings, and that for each
* and every day such officer, soldier, or other person aforesaid,
* shall continue therein, the same to be recovered by the said
* trustees, or their lawful attorney, from the person so offend-
* ing, together with the damages sustained and costs of suit,
* by action of debt in any court where the same may be cog-
* nizable.

* 3. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That this act, Limitation.

* Repealed, and supplied by the act of May 27th, 1799.

* and every clause and article therein contained, shall continue
* and be in force for the term of five years, and from thence
* to the end of the next sitting of the General Assembly, and
* no longer.

* Passed at Trenton, November 2, 1781.

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*AN ACT to continue an act entitled, "A supplemental act to
* an act entitled, an act for amending and establishing the
* charter of the College of New Jersey."

Preamble

* WHEREAS the act entitled, "A supplemental act to an act
* entitled, an act for amending and establishing the charter of
* the College of New Jersey," passed at Trenton, the second day
* of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one,
* will expire at the end of the next sitting of the General Assem-
* bly; and it being represented that important and valuable
* purposes will be answered to that institution by a continuance
* of that act; therefore—

Enacting clause.

* BE IT ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly of this
* State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That
* the said recited act and every article and clause therein con-
* tained, except that part which limits the continuation thereof,
* be and the same is hereby declared to be continued in full
* force, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

* Passed at Trenton, November 20, 1786.

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* Repealed by act of May 27th, 1799.

AN ACT concerning the College of New Jersey.

WHEREAS it is the duty of a free and enlightened people to patronize and promote the interest of science and literature, as the surest basis of their liberty, property and prosperity: AND WHEREAS it has been represented to the legislature, that the College of New Jersey has suffered great injury during the late war, in its buildings, library, and philosophical apparatus, and that its funds, in consequence of the devastations and calamities of the war, have been so impaired and diminished as to render it impracticable for the trustees of the college to defray the expenses necessarily incident to the business and good management of the institution without some legislative aid, and it appearing to the legislature that a portion of the public money may be wisely and usefully appropriated to the aid and relief of the said college; therefore— Preamble.

1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That from and after the passing of this act, there shall be paid by the treasurer of this state, for three years successively, the sum of six hundred pounds, in quarter-yearly payments, to the trustees of the College of New Jersey, or their order; which sum shall be paid out of the interest on the loan-office money now in the treasury, or now due, or which hereafter may arise or become due on the loan-office money now in circulation; and the money so to be paid to the said trustees, or their order, shall by them be laid out and appropriated to and for the repairs of the buildings of the college, its library, orrery, and philosophical apparatus. Appropriation to college.

2. *And be it further enacted*, That the receipt of the said trustees, or their order, for so much money as may be received by them by virtue of this act, shall be a sufficient voucher for the treasurer of this state in the settlement of his accounts with the state. Vouchers.

Passed at Trenton, February 19, 1796.

AN ACT relative to the College of New Jersey.

Preamble. WHEREAS it appears that George the Second, king of Great Britain, by his charter of incorporation, bearing date the fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight, did incorporate sundry persons, to the number of *twenty three*, by the name of "The Trustees of the College of New Jersey;" and did thereby, among other things, grant unto them power and authority to erect, endow and govern a college, for the instruction of youth in the learned languages and liberal arts and sciences, as by the said charter of incorporation, recorded in the secretary's office in Book C, number 2, pages 196 to 204, inclusive, reference being thereunto had, may more fully appear; and whereas it is proper that the said charter, with certain alterations and amendments, should be established and confirmed under the present government; therefore—

Charter with exceptions, confirmed. 1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That the said charter, with the advantages, privileges and immunities, and all other matters and things therein contained, such clauses and parts only excepted as are by this act repealed, altered or amended, is hereby established and confirmed: and shall for ever hereafter be held and esteemed as good and effectual in law, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as the same hath heretofore been held and esteemed, and as if the same were herein particularly recited, any misuser, nonuser, or other default heretofore committed or suffered notwithstanding.

Trustees, their privileges. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Trustees of the College of New Jersey, and their successors, shall and may have, hold and enjoy all the advantages, privileges and immunities granted in the said charter, and hereby confirmed unto them and their successors, in as full, ample and beneficial a manner as if the same were given and granted by a law of this state, and as if

the said advantages, privileges and immunities were, in the said law, particularly specified and enumerated, any law, usage or custom relating to charters notwithstanding.

Clause respecting oaths annulled.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the clause in the said charter, requiring every trustee and officer of the said corporation to take and subscribe the oaths and declarations established by certain statutes of Great Britain, be and it hereby is revoked and annulled.

Oaths to be taken by resident trustees and officers.

* 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any person, being an inhabi-
* tant of this state, shall be elected a trustee or officer of the
* corporation, he shall, before he enters upon the duties of his
* office, take and subscribe the oath to support the constitution
* of the United States and the oath of allegiance to this state
* prescribed by law, which oath any member of the said cor-
* poration is hereby authorized to administer; and if any per-
* son being an inhabitant of any other of the United States,
* shall be elected a trustee or officer of the said corporation,
* he shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, pro-
* duce a certificate from some justice of the peace of the state
* in which he resides, setting forth, that he hath taken the
* oath to support the constitution of the United States, and
* the oath of allegiance to the said state: *and further*, that it
* shall be lawful for any member of the said corporation to
* administer the oath of office to the person so elected.

By whom to be administered.

Oaths to be taken by non resident trustees and officers.

Nine to constitute a quorum.

5. And whereas the said corporation have represented that, by their charter, thirteen members are requisite to constitute a quorum, to the great injury of the institution and their trust, by reason of the non-attendance of members who live at a distance, and have prayed that the said quorum may be lessened: *Be it therefore enacted*, That any nine or more of the trustees of the said college, when duly convened, shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to perform and execute all the duties, business, matters and things of the said corporation, as fully and effectually as if thirteen of them had so convened, and shall have the like powers, authorities and interests, as by

* Repealed, and supplied by act of March 29th, 1866.

the said charter are given to and vested in thirteen of the said trustees or members, when duly convened; and shall be under the same directions, regulations, conditions, restrictions, provisos and limitations, as to the benefit conveniency and meetings of the said corporation, as are contained in the said charter with respect to the quorum of thirteen trustees or members; *provided always*, that the governor of this state for the time being, or in case of his death or absence, the president of the said college for the time being, and in case of the death or absence of both the said governor and president, then the senior trustee of the said college shall always be one of the said nine trustees so at any time constituting a quorum as aforesaid.

Proviso.

Limitation of value of estate.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees of the College of New Jersey, and their successors, may have, hold and enjoy any estate whatsoever, the clear yearly value whereof shall not exceed *twenty thousand dollars.**

Repealing clause.

7. *And be it enacted*, That the act entitled, "An act for amending and establishing the charter of the College of New Jersey," passed the thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and the act entitled, "An act to continue an act entitled a supplemental act to an act entitled an act for amending and establishing the charter of the College of New Jersey," passed the twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, be and they are hereby repealed.

Passed at Trenton, May 27, 1799.

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* Altered to *one hundred thousand dollars* by act of March 11th, 1866.

AN ACT further to amend the charter of the College of New Jersey, being a supplement to an act entitled, "An act relative to the College of New Jersey."

WHEREAS, It is represented on behalf of the Trustees of the College of New Jersey that they deem it important and desirable that the original intention and design of the founders of the college in establishing an institution for the promotion of religion, as well as the advancement of learning, should be distinctly recognized and established by law, and that it is necessary for the educational, charitable and other purposes of the institution, that the value of the property which the trustees are authorized to hold should be increased; therefore— Preamble.

1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That the design and object of the said corporation is hereby declared to be the promotion of religion and the advancement of learning, by the instruction of youth in religious truth, as well as in the learned languages, and in the liberal arts and sciences, and that the said corporation shall always be an institution for the purposes specified in this act. Object.

2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the trustees of the College of New Jersey to take and receive by gift, grant, devise or purchase, and to have, hold and enjoy for the uses and purposes of the said corporation, including the tuition and support of indigent young men, any real and personal estate, the clear yearly income whereof shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars; *provided always*, that whenever any property or estate shall be given, granted, or devised to them upon any special trust, or for any special use or purpose not incompatible with the object and design of said corporation as above declared, that such property or estate shall be held and appropriated by them in strict accordance with the trust, uses and limitations in such grants and devises respectively mentioned and set forth. May receive and hold gifts and grants. Limitation of value of estate. Proviso.

Passed at Trenton, March 11th, 1864.

A further supplement to the Charter of the College of New Jersey.

Oaths to be taken by trustees and officers.

1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That if any person shall be elected a trustee or officer of said corporation he shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation faithfully and impartially to perform the duties of his office; an oath to support the Constitution of the United States; and the oath of allegiance to the State in which he resides; and that the said oaths may be administered by any member of said corporation.

Degrees.

2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for said College to confer any degrees granted by any other college or university.

Repealing clause.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the fourth section of the supplement passed May twenty-ninth, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Passed at Trenton, March 29th, 1866.

AN ACT further to amend the charter of the College of New Jersey.

Number of trustees may be increased.

1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That the number of Trustees of the College of New Jersey may be increased to twenty-seven whenever the Board of Trustees shall by a vote of two-thirds determine upon such increase.

2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed at Trenton, April 6th, 1868.

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